



**Charting the Course to 2025:
The County of York Comprehensive Plan Review
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee**

Meeting Notice

York Hall East Room
301 Main Street, Yorktown
Thursday, August 19, 2004
7:00 PM

Agenda

1. Call to order

2. Thought-provoking questions

At the July 22 meeting Committee members were given a list of “thought-provoking questions” about planning and development issues that will need to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan review. These questions will also be put to the citizens at the neighborhood meetings to help generate thought and discussion. Committee members were asked both to review the questions and come up with questions of their own that can be added to the list. The Committee will need to finalize the list of questions at this meeting so it can be provided to the Communications and Outreach Group for the August 26 meeting.

3. Neighborhood Meetings

Fifteen neighborhood meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the next two months, beginning September 9 and ending October 28. A final schedule of dates and locations will be provided, and we will discuss the format and publicity for these meetings.

4. Project web site

An Internet site for the Comprehensive Plan Review is being developed. A demonstration will be provided at the meeting.

5. Other

6. Adjourn

Reminder: There will be a joint meeting of the Steering Committee and the Communications and Outreach Group on Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 PM in the Tabb Library Meeting Room.



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Revised Meeting Notes

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Members Present: Nick Barba, Scott Bergeron, Ken Bowman, Jack Christie, Jack Davis, Carole Ferro, A. T. Hamilton, Carl Loveland, Mark Medford, Rick Moberg, Al Ptasznik

Staff Present: Mark Carter, Tim Cross, Amy Parker, Earl Anderson, Phyllis Liscum

Chairman Barba called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and welcomed Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Christie to the committee.

The Committee discussed possible additions to the list of questions that had been prepared by the staff as a way to generate thought and discussion about planning and development issues that will need to be addressed in the plan. One possible question was whether or not the County should limit future big box developments in the County so as not to exacerbate existing traffic congestion. In response, Mr. Bowman commented on the rapid pace of growth in the County, adding that, unless residential land is reclassified to a commercial designation, he doubts there are any potential big box sites left in the County. Other issues that were discussed included the County purchase of vacant, blighted commercial properties for aesthetic purposes; increased use of public/private partnerships; preservation of open space; provision of senior housing; and subsidizing the purchase of emergency generators to allow businesses to be open in the aftermath of a major storm event.

Mr. Carter observed that the questions had clearly generated much thought and discussion on the part of the Steering Committee members, which is exactly what they are intended to do. He explained that the questions will be presented to the citizens at the neighborhood meetings in September and October with the goal of generating one-on-one dialogue with the Steering Committee members and, as necessary, the staff. Citizens' responses to the broader questions should lead to more specific follow-up questions on the part of the Steering Committee (e.g., going beyond the identification of broad goals to defining strategies for achieving those goals, setting priorities among different – and sometimes competing – goals). Mr. Carter described the format of the meetings, stating that there will be various stations corresponding with the various elements of the Comprehensive Plan: Land Use (including community appearance, the environment, hazard mitigation, historic resources), Housing and Economic Development, Transportation, and Community Facilities. Steering Committee members should spend time at every station to get a broad range of citizen feedback on a broad range of issues.

Mr. Anderson gave a demonstration of the Internet site that has been developed for the project (www.yorkcounty.gov/2025). He explained that by accessing this web site citizens will be able to learn about the Comprehensive Plan and the review process, download the current plan, fill out an online questionnaire, submit their comments on the plan, contact members of the Steering Committee, Communications and Outreach Group (COG), and Planning staff, and find out when and where the neighborhood meetings will take place.

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Mr. Cross stated that in addition to the article that appeared in the August issue of the Citizen News, the neighborhood meetings would be advertised in the local newspapers. He added that color brochures are being printed for distribution and that the staff will provide fliers to the COG members upon request. These fliers can be customized for individual neighborhoods, and the County can photocopy as many copies as necessary.

Mr. Medford suggested that all the members email Mr. Cross with a list of neighborhood meeting dates that they will and will not attend.

The Chairman reminded everyone that there would be a joint meeting with the COG at 7:00 PM on August 26 at the Tabb Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.